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ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT CHECKLIST
Fur Farm, Game Bird Farm, Zoo/Menagerie, Shooting Preserve

PART 1. PROPOSED ACTION DESCRIPTION

Project Title: Reesor's Shooting Preserve

Application Date: 4/8/02

Name, Address and Phone Number: Steven M. Reesor - HC 87 Box 5325
Lewistown Mt. 59457 538-8467

Project Location: T14N R20E SE1/4 SW1/4 SEC. 5
SE1/4 S1/2 WE1/4 Sec. 6

Description of Project:

Pheasant shooting preserve. Total of 480 acres. Birds will be brought to the area and released for hunting that day or the next. Few if any wild Pheasant exist in the area due to extreme weather, elevation and lack of cover.

Other groups or agencies contacted or which may have overlapping jurisdiction: FWP Wildlife Division.

PART 2. ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Table 1. Potential impact on physical environment.

Will the proposed action result in potential impacts to:	Unknown	Potentially Significant	Minor	None	Can Be Mitigated	Comments Below Or On Attached Pages
1. Unique, endangered, fragile, or limited environmental resources				X		
2. Terrestrial or aquatic life and/or habitats			X			X
3. Introduction of new species into an area			X			X
4. Vegetation cover, quantity & quality				X		
5. Water quality, quantity & distribution (surface or groundwater)				X		
6. Existing water right or reservation				X		
7. Geology & soil quality, stability & moisture				X		
8. Air quality or objectional odors				X		
9. Historical & archaeological sites				X		
10. Demands on environmental resources of land, water, air & energy				X		
11. Aesthetics			X			X

Comments

(A description of potentially significant, or unknown, impacts and potential alternatives for mitigation must be provided.)

2. Increase in prey species may increase predator species, coyotes, red fox and arial predators.

3. As stated before there are few if any wild pheasant in the area. A few of the released birds may migrate out of the preserve.

11. Preserve is located along a well traveled county road. Signing requirements may be offensive to some.

Table 2. Potential impacts on human environment .

Will the proposed action result in potential impacts to:	Unknown	Potentially Significant	Minor	None	Can Be Mitigated	Comments Below Or On Attached Pages
1. Social structures and cultural diversity				X		
2. Changes in existing public benefits provided by wildlife populations and/or habitat				X		
3. Local and state tax base and tax revenue				X		
4. Agricultural production				X		
5. Human health				X		
6. Quantity & distribution of community & personal income				X		
7. Access to & quality of recreational activities			X			X
8. Locally adopted environmental plans & goals (ordinances)				X		
9. Distribution & density of population and housing				X		
10. Demands for government services			X			X
11. Industrial and/or commercial activity				X		

Comments

(A description of potentially significant, or unknown, impacts and potential alternatives for mitigation must be provided as comments.)

7. Reduces public hunting for wild birds.

10. Increase in FWP Enforcement workload due to inspection requirements.

Does the proposed action involve potential risks or adverse effects which are uncertain but extremely harmful if they were to occur?

Release of diseased birds into the wild population.

Does the proposed action have impacts that are individually minor, but cumulatively significant or potentially significant?

No.

Description and analysis of reasonable alternatives (including the no action alternative) to the proposed action when alternatives are reasonably available and prudent to consider. Include a discussion of how the alternatives would be implemented:
No action alternative. (no license given.) Unreasonable due to the minor nature of the impact.

List proposed mitigative measures (stipulations) for license:

None.

Individuals or groups contributing to, or commenting on, this EA:

Tom Stivers- FWP Lewistown Wildlife Biologist

EA prepared by: ~~Jim Conner- FWP Lewistown Game Warden~~

Date Completed: ~~8/16/02~~

PART 3. DECISION

Recommendation and justification concerning preparation of EIS:

Describe public involvement, if any: EA was placed on the FWP website from 8/30/02 until 9/6/02 to seek any public input.

Recommendation for license approval:

Wildlife Manager_____ Date_____

Warden Captain _____ Date_____